

REMARKS

This Amendment is submitted supplementary to the previous Amendment and in connection with the interview with the Examiner. During the interview the surface 24 in the reference was analyzed, and it was determined that it could not be considered as a guiding surface for lateral guidance of the larger wiper rod, because it is too short. In contrast in the applicant's invention the large clearance provided between the side walls (32, 34) extends over more than a half of a length of the side walls and therefore is suitable for lateral guidance of the larger wiper rod (18).

With the present Amendment claim 1 has been amended correspondingly, and it is believed that it patentably distinguishes from the prior art.

Reconsideration and allowance of the present application is most respectfully requested.

Should the Examiner require or consider it advisable that the specification, claims and/or drawings be further amended or corrected in formal respects in order to place this case in condition for final allowance,

then it is respectfully requested that such amendments or corrections be carried out by Examiner's Amendment, and the case be passed to issue. Alternatively, should the Examiner feel that a personal discussion might be helpful in advancing this case to allowance, he is invited to telephone the undersigned (at 631-549-4700).

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Michael J. Striker', written over the printed name.

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